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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, US, UK, FR, GW

SUBJECT: REQUESTED PUBLICATION OF BK/L

REFERENCES: A) BONN 17044, B) USBERLIN 2007

1. WE AGREE WITH USBER THAT IT WOULD NOT ALWAYS BE CONVENIENT OR APPROPRIATE TO PERMIT PUBLICATION OF BK/L'S AND THAT OFFICIAL RELEASE OF BK/L'S IN SOME CASES WOULD CREATE COMPLICATIONS WHEN ALLIES FACED WITH REQUESTS FOR MORE CONTROVERSIAL DOCUMENTS. WE ALSO AGREE THAT BK/L'S, WHEN NOT CLASSIFIED, ARE STILL CONSIDERED BY ALLIED AND GERMAN AUTHORITIES TO BE, IN A SENSE, PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS, AND THAT ADDRESSEE OF BK/L'S GOVERNING MAYOR (OR SENATSKANZLEI), SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON RELEASE.

2. EMBASSY IS PROBABLY CORRECT WITH REGARD TO OUR INABILITY TO PROTECT UNCLASSIFIED BK/L'S UNDER US LAW, IF REQUEST FOR RELEASE MADE DIRECTLY TO US.

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WERE A REQUEST FOR AN UNCLASSIFIED BK/L TO BE MADE

TO US DIRECTLY, SINCE COPIES OF BK/L'S IN US POSSESSION  
WOULD BE DEEMED US GOVERNMENT RECORDS, IT COULD NOT  
BE REFUSED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND  
STATE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS UNLESS A DENIAL RECOM-  
MENDATION WITH SUPPORTING REASONS WERE APPROVED BY  
THE ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER FOR MANAGEMENT. THERE  
IS NO READILY APPARENT LEGAL BASIS FOR RECOMMENDING

THAT A REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT  
BE DENIED.

3. WE WOULD NOT OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE TO FRG INFORMALLY  
SHOWING TEXTS OF BK/L AND AIDE MEMOIRE TO THE "REPUTABLE  
EDITOR", ALTHOUGH WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING HIS  
IDENTITY BEFORE CONCURRING IN THIS STEP. INGERSOLL

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